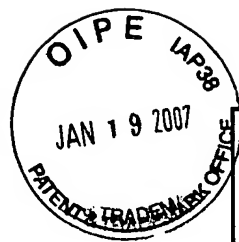


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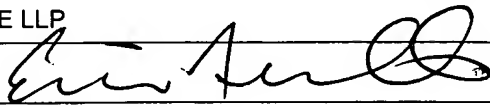
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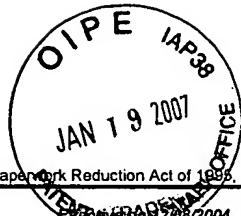
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		First Named Inventor	Ahmed Kaddani
		Art Unit	Not Yet Assigned
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ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply)		
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1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES							
	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		
		Small Entity		Small Entity		Small Entity	
Application Type	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fees Paid (\$)
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
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2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES							
						Small Entity	
Fee Description						Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)						50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)						200	100
Multiple dependent claims						360	180
Total Claims		Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependent Claims		
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3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE							
If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).							
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Other (e.g., late filing surcharge):							

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Kaddani et al.	:	Attorney Docket No.: 43315-225720
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Title: WELDING PROCESS		

RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIRMENTS

MAILSTOP PATENT APPLICATION
Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Notification of Missing Requirements dated November 21, 2006.

The Notification of Missing Requirements asserts that an inventor listed on the international application is not shown on the declaration. The declaration submitted with the application as filed listed Mr. Ahmed Kaddani and Mr. Dick Skarin. Mr. Kaddani is deceased and Mr. Jan Smede as legal representative signed the declaration on behalf of Mr. Kaddani. The declaration clearly identifies Mr. Smede as the legal representative of Mr. Kaddani and not as an inventor. Applicants attach hereto a copy of the declaration submitted with the application as filed.

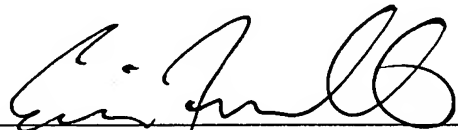
In view of the above, the declaration shows all of the inventors listed on the international application and no others. Applicants respectfully request that the declaration be accepted. Additionally, Applicants submit that all of the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 371 were fulfilled by the filing of November 29, 2006 and respectfully request that the application be accepted as of that date. Furthermore, in view of the submission of a declaration shows all of the inventors listed on the international application and no others, Applicants submit that the \$130 surcharge is not due.

The undersigned authorizes the Commissioner to charge fee insufficiency and credit overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 22-0261.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: _____

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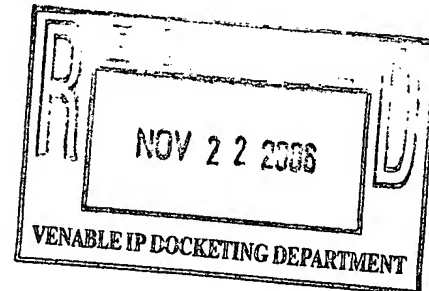
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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 11/29/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 11/29/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 11/29/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 11/29/2005
- Oath or Declaration filed on 11/29/2005
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 11/29/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 11/29/2005
- Assignment filed on 11/29/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 11/29/2005



The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date. The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) in that it:
 - An inventor listed on the international application is not shown on the declaration.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$130** for a Large Entity:

- **\$130 Surcharge.**

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

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